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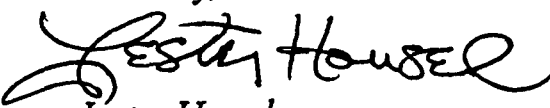
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing to express my full support of the recent settlement between Microsoft and the US department of Justice. I think the lawsuits were unjustified in the first place and should have ended long ago.

The terms of the settlement do not even protect the consumer and reflect the intense lobbying efforts of Microsoft's competitors and the apparent lack of concern for the public's best interests by the lawmakers and politicians. For instance, Microsoft is forced to disclose interfaces and protocols that are internal to Windows' operating system products. They also must grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so that competitors can more easily promote their own products.

In spite of these flaws, I urge your office to finalize the settlement. The alternative of further litigation would be detrimental to our economy. I hope you suppress the nine states that want to drag this thing through the mud.

Sincerely,


Lester Housel